

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Threshold Evaluation - FY15

INSTRUCTIONS:

To logically navigate through this form, enter the "Tab" keys. This will move you through the form on a question-by-question basis. If you hit the "Enter" key, you will be moved through the form vertically, which will no longer prompt you to answer questions on a question-by-question basis.

Proposal Number:	15-JT-**-R**
Applicant Name:	
Reviewer's Name	
Reviewer's Organization:	
Date:	

Note: Threshold criteria are evaluated as part of the Regional review.

Threshold Criteria

[Refer to Sheet 2 for the complete threshold criteria guidelines]

Threshold Criteria	Pass	Fail	Clarification
1.a Applicant Eligibility Describe how you are an eligible applicant as described in Section III.A., <i>Who Can Apply?</i> For entities other than cities, counties, tribes, or states, please attach documentation of your eligibility (nonprofit status, resolutions, statutes, etc.).			
1.b Also indicate whether or not you received an EWDJT grant from EPA in FY14, and if so, to serve what city or target area.			
2. Demonstration that Proposed Project Does Not Duplicate Other Federally Funded Environmental Job Training Programs Demonstrate that the proposed training project does not duplicate other federally funded programs for environmental job training in your target community, including training provided through the EPA's Superfund Job Training Initiative (Super JTI); the EPA's Environmental Justice Small grants program CFDA 66.604; and the EPA's Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Training, and Special Purpose Activities Relating to Environmental Justice grants program CFDA 66.309. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed training project does not duplicate National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Hazardous Waste Worker Training programs in their target community or Department of Labor (DOL) grant funds that include brownfields remediation, renewable energy, HVAC, or other energy-related training or wastewater treatment technology operator training. [See complete criteria in Sheet 2]			
3. Required HAZWOPER Training Your proposal must demonstrate that OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training will be incorporated into the proposed curriculum and be required of all trainees in the proposed program.			
4. Funding Amount Proposals with project periods exceeding three years or requesting more than \$200,000 in federal funds for the entire project period will not be reviewed.			
5. Format Requirements Proposals must substantially comply with the proposal submission instructions and requirements set forth in Section IV of this announcement or they will be rejected. Pages in excess of the page limitations described in Section IV will not be reviewed.			
6. Due Date Proposals must be submitted by the due date (February 3, 2015) in order to receive consideration.			

Please describe any significant issues or clarifications:

Threshold Determination

	Yes	No
This proposal has passed all threshold criteria and will be forwarded to the national evaluation panel for consideration:		

General Comments:

Complete Threshold Eligibility Criteria (Taken from *FY15 EWDJT Grant Guidelines*)

This section contains the threshold eligibility criteria that ensure applicants are eligible to receive EWDJT grants. Threshold criteria are evaluated on a pass or fail basis. **Only those proposals that specifically address and pass each of the six threshold criteria listed below, and comply with the other requirements, will be evaluated against the ranking criteria in Section V.B. of this announcement.** Applicants deemed ineligible for funding consideration as a result of failing threshold eligibility review will be notified within 15 calendar days of the ineligibility determination.

For purposes of the threshold eligibility review, EPA may seek clarification of applicant information. The applicant's responses to the threshold criteria must be included in the Transmittal Letter submitted to EPA. See Section IV.C. for a complete list of required proposal content.

Proposals must be received through <http://www.grants.gov> by February 3, 2015. Proposals received by grants.gov after the proposal deadline will be considered late and will not be reviewed unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate that it was late due to EPA mishandling or because of technical issues associated with grants.gov. Applicants must confirm receipt of their proposal with the appropriate EPA Regional Job Training Coordinator listed in Section VII as soon as possible after the submission deadline. Failure to do so may result in your proposal not being reviewed. **Facsimile, hard copy mailing through the U.S. Postal Service, commercial delivery, or email delivery of proposals is not permitted and proposals submitted through these mechanisms will not be considered.**

Ineligible costs/activities: If a proposal is submitted that includes any ineligible tasks or activities, that portion of the proposal will be ineligible for funding and may, depending on the extent to which it affects the proposal, render the entire proposal ineligible for funding.

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EPA:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/sfjti/>

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html>

NIEHS:

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/wetp>

DOL:

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20110949.htm>

<http://www.dol.gov/ocia/grants.htm>

If you are listed on any of these websites as a recipient, you must demonstrate how services under this proposed project will complement but not duplicate the existing federal environmental job training activities in your targeted service area (i.e., different target audience, such as a different age group, differing types of certifications to be delivered, etc.).

If you are not listed on the above websites but are the recipient of other federally funded environmental or “green job” training programs serving your area or community(ies), you must similarly demonstrate how services under this proposed project will complement, but not duplicate, the existing federal environmental job training activities. These other programs may include funding provided by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Health and Human Services (HHS), and other federal agencies. The EPA also may conduct internal screening to ensure demonstration of non-duplication and also will coordinate duplication screening with federal partners.

If your proposed target community is not a recipient of any federally funded environmental or “green job” training programs, a statement to this effect must be included in the threshold criteria section of your Transmittal Letter.

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